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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR US/EC CONSULTATIONS-COMMISSION COMMENTS

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1. MISSION OFFICER PRESENTED US PROPOSAL FOR AGENDA FOR THIRTEENTH ROUND OF US/EC CONSULTATIONS TO EC/AMERICAN DESK (LOERKE, TULLY AND AARTS) SEPTEMBER 28. EC SIDE EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH DIVISION OF LABOR BETWEEN WORKING GROUP AND PLENARY SESSIONS AS WELL AS MOST DISCUSSION SUBJECT. COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF AGENDA FOLLOW: (A) PLENARY I. COMMISSION WOULD SUGGEST THAT FIRST TWO ITEMS IN REFTEL (BRIEF OPENING STATEMENTS AND GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION) BE CONDENSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTO ONE. COMMISSION NOT NOW PLANNING

TO INCLUDE SOMEONE ON ECONOMIC SIDE WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE IN DEPTH DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THEREFORE WOULD PREFER TO LIMIT DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT TO BRIEF INTRODUCTORY EXCHANGE. ALSO IN PLENARY I, COMMISSION EXPECTS THAT ALL OF ITS NORTH/SOUTH EXPERTS WILL BE TIED UP IN PARIS SESSIONS AND THEREFORE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES COULD BE REVIEWED BUT NO IN DETAIL. IF US AGREEABLE, COMMISSION WOULD SUGGEST THAT EAST/WEST QUESTIONS BE BROUGHT UP IN PLENARY I TO UTILIZE TIME MADE AVAILABLE BY ABBREBIATED DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. (B) WORKING GROUP MEETINGS.

COMMISSION AGREES WITH SUGGESTION FOR TRADE WORKING GROUP AND WILL DETAIL SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO IT AT A LATER DATE. FOR RESON CITED ABOVE (UNAVAILABILITY OF NORTH/SOUTH EXPERTS) COMMISSION WOULD PREFER TO SUBSTITUTE A WORKING FROUP ON LAW OF THE SEA AND FISHERIES FOR THE ONE WE HAVE SUGGESTED ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. (C) PLENARY II. WITH DELETION OF EAST / WEST QUESTIONS, COMMISSION AGREES TO FORMAT FOR THIS PLENARY SESSION. COMMISSION OFFICIALS WOULD EXPECT THAT DISCUSSION OF WORKING GROUPS CONSLUSIONS WOULD CONSUME MOST OF MORNING WITH SOME TIME DEVOTED TO MTN AFFAIRS AND HOW THE NEGOTIATIONS

CAN BE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE IN 1977.

2. COMMISSION HAS NOT YET FINALIZED ITS LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONSULTATIONS. PRESENT THINKING IS THAT SIR CHARISTOPHER SOAMES WILLBE ACCOMPANIED BY DAVID HANNAY, HIS CHEF DE CABINET AND JANE MORTON, HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT. IN ADDITION, EAMON GALLAGHER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL; LESLIE FIELDING AND ECKEHARD LOERKE, NORTH AMERICAN OFFICE WILL ACCOMPANY FROM DG I.

DG VI WILL BE REPRESENTED BY LOUIS GEORGES RABOT, DIRECTOR GENERAL AND MICHEL JACQUOT, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. MICHAEL HARDY, A LEGAL ADVISER ON THE LAW OF THE SEA QUESTIONS IS ALSO LIKELY TO ATTEND.HINTON

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